



# U.S. ARMY MILITARY POLICE CORPS REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

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## Mission

The mission of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regimental Museum is to collect and preserve the material history of the Military Police of the U.S. Army from 1775 to present. The museum also promotes the heritage and traditions of the Military Police Corps Regiment and the values of the U.S. Army to soldiers and civilians through public exhibits, educational programs, and branch training support.



## Hours of Operation:

0800-1600

Monday - Friday

1000- 1600

Saturday

Closed Federal

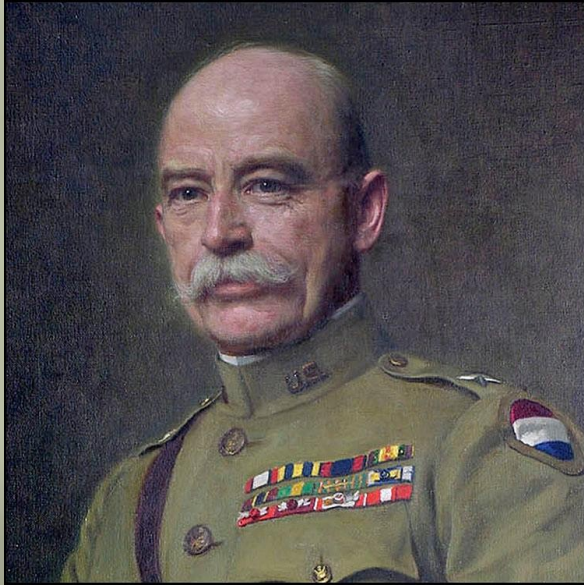
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Free of Charge,  
Open to the Public

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Major General Bandholtz is considered to be the Father of the Military Police Corps. His efforts to establish a permanent Military Police branch set the foundation for the 1941 establishment of the Corps of Military Police. The portrait is one of several artifacts related to Major General Bandholtz in the MP Museum collection.

The U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regimental Museum's main mission is to focus on the American Military Police Soldier and the Military Police Branch history by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting historic artifacts.

We are interested in original uniforms, headgear, insignia, and equipment of any time period with documented Military Police provenance (history/origin), preferably to an authenticated Soldier. In addition to Military Police units other organizations of interest include the Veteran's Reserve Corps (Civil War), Provost Guard units (Civil War), the Philippine Constabulary (1901-1917), the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and its units,

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History Timeline Panels



MP Specialties



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Gallery View



The Marechaussee



MG Harry Bandholtz



Bandholtz Exhibit



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Gallery View -



Gallery View - WWI



US Disciplinary Barracks



Remagen - WWII



Gallery View - Remagen



Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen



9th AD MP and 9th ID MP



9th AD MP and 9th ID MP



WWII Exhibit





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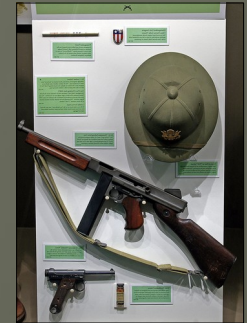
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WWII Exhibit Artifacts



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Gallery View - Korea and WWII



WAAC/WAC Summer Exhibit



WAAC/WAC Winter Exhibit



Cold War Exhibit



Cold War - Checkpoint Charlie



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Vietnam - Sentry  
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Vietnam TET 1968



TET 1968 - US



TET 1968



Vietnam Exhibit



Women Military Police



GWOT - Internment/Resettlement



Gallery View



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Somalia



Gallery View



GWOT - Palm Sunday



Gallery View



M1025 HMMWV - "Poison Ivy"



M1025 HMMWV - "Poison Ivy"



Pentagon 9/11 Clock



Hall of Fame Room



Hall of Fame





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Memorial Panels



"Of the Troops, For the Troops" WWII Painting



Harpers Ferry Pistols/MP  
Insignia  
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# The Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen

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*The 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division was assigned the missions to seize the city of Remagen and its vicinity and to establish crossings over the Ahr River (a tributary of the Rhine south of Remagen). Late in the afternoon of March 7, elements of the 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division crested a hill near the town of Remagen and discovered a bridge still standing. The Bridge they were looking at was the Ludendorff Bridge. It was built from 1916 to 1919 and was named in honor of WWI German General Erich Ludendorff. It carried two rail*

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*The MPs stood at their post unable to take cover as casualties to themselves and to passing troops and vehicles mounted each day. In the first three days on the bridge, the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division MPs suffered seventy-two casualties. When one of their own fell, another MP stepped forward to take his place. The number of available MPs dwindled to the point that the Division Commander, Major General Craig authorized Major Thurston to take twenty-five men from each of the Infantry regiments. Seventy-five Infantrymen put on MP armbands in the heat of the battle. To teach them how to take charge of radios, traffic control, defiles and Enemy Prisoners of War, Thurston set up a school in the*

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Fort Gordon MP Corps  
Museum

The Military Police Corps Museum first opened at the Provost Marshal General Center (PMGC) at Fort Gordon, Georgia in 1956. The MP Museum was formally registered with the Office of the Chief of Military History (OCMH) in June 1963. The OCMH was the forerunner of the Center of Military History, the proponent for Army history and Army museums.

In 1976, the museum relocated to Fort McClellan, Alabama along with the U.S. Army Military Police School (USAMPS). On September 26, 1986, the Military Police Corps was formally placed under the Army's regimental system and the name of the museum was changed to the Military Police Corps Regimental Museum.

The MP Museum and USAMPS relocated to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in 1999 when Fort McClellan closed under the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) hearings.

The MP Museum at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and a portion of its exhibits were dedicated by Brigadier General Donald J. Ryder, USAMPS Commandant, on September 29, 2000. Construction was completed and the remainder of the MP Museum exhibit gallery opened to the public in September 2002.



# Behind The Scenes At The Museum

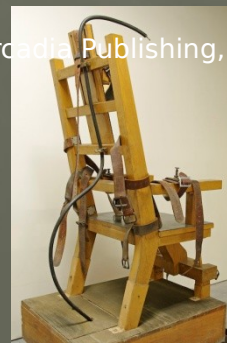
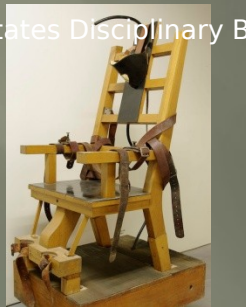
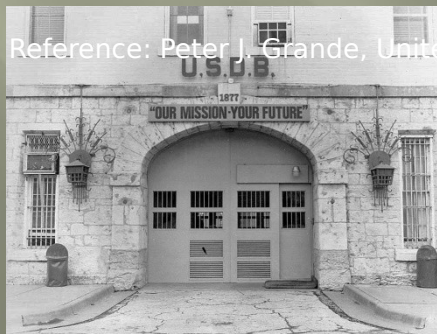
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## ARTIFACT FEATURETTE: THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FROM THE USDB

In the artifact storage area of the MP Museum is a piece of furniture that was never intended for an office. This is the electric chair that was at the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Prior to the demolition of the "Castle" portion of the USDB in 2004, the MP Museum acquired the chair and its accessories. The accessories included three different size headpieces and a black cloth hood. It is believed that the chair dates from the early 1950's, although there was no documentation of its origin or construction date in the USDB records. The chair was always maintained in an operational state but was never used for an execution. In the past, US Army policy authorized musketry, hanging and electrocution as forms of execution, however only the practice of hanging was utilized of the three methods. The current authorized method is lethal injection.

Although this has been in storage since it was acquired, this fascinating artifact will be placed on display as part of exhibit renovations planned for 2015-16.

The USDB facility dates back to 1875 and the 'Castle' portion was constructed from 1909 to 1921. After the transition of prisoners in 2002 from the old USDB to a new state-of-the-art facility, the "Castle" prison building succumbed to the wrecking ball 2004-2005.

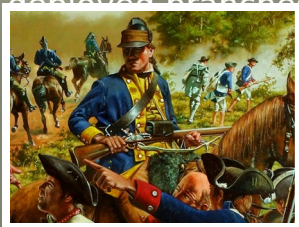


Reference: Peter J. Grande, United States Disciplinary Barracks (Arcadia Publishing, 2009), 62-64.

# History of the Regiment

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The Military Police Corps is one of the youngest branches of the United States Army. It was officially established on September 26, 1941. Its traditions of duty and service establish its solid foundation as recognized professionals in our armed services. Soldiers have been performing police duties from the time of the Revolutionary War when these duties were assigned mainly to a mounted police force called the "Troops of the Marechaussee." Soldiers in the Veterans Reserve Corps and Provost Corps performed military police duties during the Civil War. Military Police served with distinction in the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. As a result of their distinguished service in Vietnam, the Military Police Corps was designated as a combat support branch on October 14, 1968. Since Vietnam, the versatility of the Military Police Corps has made it a "Force of Choice" for use in low intensity conflicts and operations other than war in which our nation has been involved, such as Operation Urgent Furry, Grenada and Just Cause, Panama. During Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Military Police provided area security, conducted battlefield circulation control, and exercised custody over thousands of Iraqi prisoners of war. Since 1991, the Military Police have assisted in restoring hope to Somalia and upholding democracy in Haiti, maintaining order in war-torn Bosnia, as well as conducting patrols, operating checkpoints, and conducting investigations in an effort to keep the peace in Kosovo. After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Military Police Soldiers have been in constant action providing security and mobility support, police operations, and internment on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, and guarding our Nation's enemies at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Our Military Police have developed their professional skills through realistic training and experiential learning during installation policing and corrections. With seventy percent of the Military Police force residing in National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves, our Military Police are critical operational reserves and are ideally postured to conduct Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions. As one of the most deployed branches of the service, the Military Police Corps will continue to be recognized as professional and protecting the force.





# Military Police Regimental Association Gift Shop

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The Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA) is the professional organization dedicated to promote the pride, heritage and history of the Regiment. The MPRA is a non-profit organization that exists to provide a variety of services and assistance to Military Police Soldiers and their families around the world. In that last few years through our legacy programs, the MPRA has contributed over \$500K for museum upgrades and Regimental Grove improvements, awarded over 100 college scholarships to MPRA family members, and provided over \$100K in grants to Military Police Soldiers and their families.

## Welcome to the MPRA Gift Shop

We have a ton of great items for you to choose from. Visit the gift shop in the museum or shop online. Look for great items like these. If you have questions regarding a product, please contact the **MPRA Gift Shop** at 573-329-5317 or by [email](#).



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